

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4 and 8 to 12 have been amended. Claims 6, 7 and 13 to 18 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 19 to 23 have been added. Claims 1 to 5, 8 to 12 and 19 to 23 are now pending in the subject application. Claims 1 and 11 are independent.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3 to 6, 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,071,613 to Kim et al. ("Kim"). Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,096,496 to Frankel ("Frankel"). Applicants thank the Examiner for identifying allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 8 and for allowing claims 11 and 12.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 7. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this claim and the claims dependent thereon distinguish patentably over the cited prior art and should be allowed.

In view of the above, it is believed the application is in order for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.


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